

The Sword of The Lord

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord,
and of Gideon."
(Judges 7:20)

and of JOHN R. RICE

"The sword of the Spirit, which is the word
of God."
(Eph. 6:17)

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Cigarette Stubs On Church Steps

Would Jesus Use Tobacco?

As I visited the meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association last week, meeting at the First Baptist Church of Oak Cliff, I was very sadly impressed by a scene I witnessed there. Coming out of the house of God I found the high steps littered with cigarette stubs, thrown there by those attending this religious gathering. Looking about I saw on the church lawn and on the sidewalk a great number of preachers who smoked cigarettes and cigars as they talked. Others were chewing tobacco. Cigarette stubs at the house of God! A sorry spectacle for sinners! A sad example for youth! A striking light on the religion and morals of the day when hundreds of Baptist leaders gather to argue about doctrine and organization, and swear by the Baptist name, and litter the doorsteps of the house of God with cigarette stubs and stain the sidewalk and grass with tobacco juice!

Our Southern Baptist Convention brethren and the more numerous and their state wide convention is on a larger scale. Some large hotel is always "convention headquarters." But passing through the lobby of convention headquarters my heart has been made sad many times to see chatting preachers puffing at cigars. Sad example for a wicked world!

At the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle we will not have a Sunday School teacher that uses tobacco in any form. Of about twenty-four teachers there is not one, as far as we know, who attends picture shows or plays bridge. We believe that religious leaders ought to have the power of the Holy Spirit, and how can they have His power when they grieve Him by defiling His temple, the body? We believe that Christian workers ought to have influence over sinners, and particularly over the young. And even sinners often know that tobacco defiles the body, dulls the mind, shortens life, weakens character, and is contrary to the best Christian thought and example.

God Will Destroy Health And Influence of Christians Who Use Tobacco.

While tobacco is not mentioned by name in the Bible, just as whiskey, dice, picture shows, etc. are not, yet the Bible gives commands that plainly apply to the use of tobacco or to any other habit.

I Corinthians 3:16 and 17 certainly applies to the use of tobacco, since tobacco defiles the body.

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"DEACONS, WIDOWS AND HOLY SPIRIT POWER"

Postponed From Last Sunday,
Will Be Sermon Sunday Morn.

Bring your Bible Sunday morning. Every member and friend of the church will want to be present Sunday morning when the pastor preaches on "Deacons, widows, and Holy Spirit Power". This sermon was postponed from last Sunday, under the Lord's leading. But, if the Lord be willing, I will preach it Sunday morning. Our plans are always subject to change as the Lord leads. This Sunday will be one of the high days in the life of the church and we expect great blessings from God.

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That is the Sunday School lesson for Sunday morning. II Kings

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On Monday, November 26th, it is our privilege to make another payment on the lot on which our tabernacle stands. The tabernacle has been built on a cash basis and already \$1500.00 cash has been paid for the lot. All the tabernacle is ours, and soon, the Lord willing, the lot will be altogether ours too. The payment due Monday amounts to \$631.35 and we believe that God will help us to have the entire amount ready. Last Sunday there were sixty four separate envelopes turned in with special offerings for this lot payment. Others gave loose money in the pews. One offering was a check for \$100.00, given by a man and woman who requested that their names not be made public.

There were two other gifts of \$25.00 each. Others gave enough to make a total of \$308.00, especially designated for the lot. That means we have at hand only about half enough to make the payment and next Sunday we need to give \$323.00 for this purpose. Many people are praying and I know the dear Lord

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Jesus The Remedy For Every Trouble

Sunday Night Sermon At Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle

"MOTHER DROWNS SELF AND DAUGHTER IN BATH TUB"
"MAN DIES OF POISON OUTSIDE POLICE HEADQUARTERS"
"GIRL WIFE LEAPS FROM VIADUCT INS UICIDE ATTEMPT"
"OAK CLIFF MAN KILLS SELF."

Such have been the headlines of daily papers the last few days! Trouble, want, crime, misery, stalk everywhere. Twenty-five thousand suicides every year in the United States. What do the churches have to offer these distressed, harassed, broken, hearted people, who find life not worth living? Some churches may not have the answer but thank God some churches do. Sunday night pastor John R. Rice, at Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle, 201 East Tenth Street will preach especially to the troubled, the tired, the disappointed, the sick, the broken hearted, and the sinning. Services begin at 7:30 p. m.

Jesus Christ is the Remedy for Every Problem.

I know positively, without a shadow of doubt, that Jesus Christ has the answer for every problem. I know that in Him every troubled soul can find sweet peace. I know He can fix broken homes, broken hearts,

sick bodies, and sin-sick souls. I challenge every person in Dallas to bring your troubles to this Sunday night service, commit them to Jesus Christ and go away happy. Whether your problem is one of love, or money, or health, or of the salvation of your soul, I know the Lord Jesus Christ has the perfect remedy.

A wife and mother writes begging prayer for her husband who has drifted far in sin, with another woman involved. Can God fix that? Another wife tells of a home on the rocks with threatened scandal and public disgrace. Jesus Christ has a remedy for that case too. A young woman, from a fine family, beautiful, cultured, talented, says that she often has considered suicide, she is so bored and unhappy. What she needs is to take her life-problem to the Lord Jesus Christ.

My own heart has been stirred beyond measure by the trouble on every side. I have sweet peace when trouble is everywhere. God answers my prayers, and others doubt if there is a God in Heaven! God provides for my needs, without any regular salary, no promised income, yet others go hungry and are harassed by the spectre of want! These things move me to tell a poor, distracted, sinning and drifting world that Jesus Christ wants to ill every need, and meet every problem that any man, woman or child can bring to Him. I KNOW He can. I have seen Him do it again and again.

Your Way Has Failed; Why Not Try Jesus?

I do not promise you that God will let you have your way about everything. I do not promise you He will give you everything you want. I do promise you He will give you what you need and will make you happy about it, if you put Him to an honest test.

So many hearts have been made happy and so many battered lives been repaired at the services that I hope you will not miss this Sunday night sermon to troubled hearts at the big brick tabernacle, 201 East Tenth Street. The services begin at 7:30 p. m. Great choir, sweet singing, Christian fellowship and plain gospel preaching from the Word of God by a man who believes it all and who has tried it for himself.

God has the remedy, friend, try Him today!

What Bob Ingersoll, Famous Infidel Said About Liquor

One would not think that an infidel would be a good teacher in religion and morals. It is a fact, however, that often times the clearest testimony to the ruin that sin brings, is given by men who have drunk deep of the cup of iniquity. What Ingersoll says about booze, he got not from the Word of God, but from every day experience as he saw the fatal results of liquor in every day life. Though in matters of divine revelation, Ingersoll could not be accepted as an authority, yet no honest man will deny that he told the truth about boozes. Here is what Ingersoll said:

"I am aware that there is a prejudice against any man who manufactures alcohol. I believe that, from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous worm in the distillery until it empties into the jaws of death, dishonor, and crime, it demoralizes everybody that touches it,

from its source to where it ends. I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the object without being prejudiced against the liquor crime. All we have to do is to think of the wrecks on either bank of the streams of death, of the suicides, of the insanity, of the ignorance, of the destitution, of the little children tugging at the withered breasts of weeping and despairing mothers, of wives asking for bread, of the men of genius it has wrecked, the men struggling with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing; and when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the asylums, of the prisons, of the scaffolds upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against the stuff called alcohol.

"It cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, old age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, be-

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TOBACCO

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

Tobacco defiles the body of the Christian, which body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. It makes that body stink, besides dulling the higher senses, as all narcotics do. This scripture may explain why so many smokers die of "heart disease". (Often "tobacco heart", fatty degeneration of the heart caused by the poison, nicotine) and why so many die of apoplexy as result of hardening of the arteries by this poison. The amazing increase in deaths from these causes in recent years corresponds largely to the increase in the use of tobacco. Dr. William J. Mayo, one of the famous Mayo brothers, of Rochester, Minnesota, represents the best thought in a medical world on this question. At a dinner given to a group of eminent surgeons he announced:

"Gentlemen, it is customary, as we all know, to pass around cigars after dinner; but I shall not do it. I do not smoke, and I do not approve of smoking. If you will notice, you will see that the practice is going out among the ablest surgeons, the men at the top. No surgeon can afford to smoke."—(taken from "THE CIGARETTE AS A PHYSICIAN SEES IT," by Daniel H. Kress, M. D., page fourteen).

High grade doctors know that tobacco not only defiles the body, but is actually a physical curse. School teachers everywhere agree that it dulls the mind. Juvenile Court Judges everywhere agree that it tends to crime. Athletic coaches, without exception, agree that tobacco users cannot stay in the best physical condition and prohibit tobacco under good training.

Coach Alonzo Stagg, long the head coach at the University of Chicago, one of the most widely known and most respected of all football coaches, says on this question:

"From personal observation with athletes who have been addicted to the use of tobacco, I can speak with confidence that they do not possess the endurance of athletes who have grown up free from the use of it."

Tobacco, then, defiles the human body and the scripture says, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are"—I Corinthians 3:16,17.

Another good scripture on the tobacco question is found in I Corinthians 6:19, 20.

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

The body of the Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Christian does not belong to himself but to God. He is bought with the precious price, the blood of Jesus, therefore, the scripture commands, Christians ought to glorify God IN THEIR BODIES as well as in their spirits. No-body would say that tobacco glorifies God in the body. Then the use of it is plainly forbidden a Christian who belongs to God and ought to glorify Him in the body first and then in the spirit.

How do you suppose those Baptist preachers and deacons who littered the steps of the house of God with their cigarette stubs and spit tobacco juice on the side walk, would feel if their wives and daughters smoked cigarettes and chewed tobacco? Most of that same crowd would feel themselves disgraced if their wives and daughters followed their examples. When I preached, on a Sunday night not long ago, about a certain drug company in Dallas that sent out invitations to all the S. M. U. girls to attend a cigarette demonstration for young women, put on by a college girl, and to receive free a package of Lucky Strike cigarettes, the loudest "amen's" in my congregation came from men who themselves use tobacco! When I denounced that action of the Marvin Drug Store and The American Tobacco Company, conspiring against the college girls of Dallas the tobacco users were the loudest in their approval. Then I turned on these men and denounced them as being partners in the work of teaching young girls to smoke.

I said to them; "Every package of cigarettes given away to a S. M. U. co-ed was paid for by money you put over the counter for cigarettes and tobacco. Your money hired that college girl to come down from the North and sell her honor and influence demonstrating to other college girls how to smoke. Your money bought the stamps which carried these insulting letters to every S. M. U. girl living in Dallas. God Almighty will hold you accountable for the same sin as the Marvin Drug Company and The American Tobacco Company."

There were not near as many "amen's" during the last of that sermon!

The Bible Holds The Same Standard for Men and Women.

There is no getting around this fact; if smoking is good for men it is good for women. If it is morally and religiously correct for men it is morally and religiously correct for women. And that isn't all. If men smoke, in these days women are going to. Women vote the same as men. They hold jobs the same as men. They are adopting the same moral standards as men. Whether you like it or not the double standard of morals is gone. I think it ought to be gone but whether we think it ought to be or not it IS gone. From this time on what men do women will want to do and what they want to do in the main they will. Everywhere women are now drinking like men and smoking like men.

And why shouldn't they? If it is right for the husband why not for the wife? The preacher or any other Christian man who smokes himself and objects to his wife and daughters doing the same thing is playing the hypocrite and knows it. He doesn't want his wife and daughters to smoke because he knows it is wrong and hurtful. He also knows it does not hurt them any more than it does him.

Smoking Sons and Hypocrite Fathers.

If smoking is alright for fathers it is bound to be all right for sons. Any food that is good

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6.
Peter tells us that all of us are bought by the blood of Christ:

"Forasmuch as ye know that we were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

Every lamb, bullock, heifer, goat, turtle dove and pigeon offered in the Old Testament times on the altar pictured this, that man, a guilty sinner, must have some innocent one to shed his blood to pay for man's sin. Jesus died for our sins, and thank God, salvation is bought for every man in the world, if he will have it, as the free gift of God.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

Dear sinner, remember that church membership will not save you. If you have been baptised that cannot save you. Baptism does not save, does not keep anybody saved, it is only an act of duty for those who have already found Christ as their Saviour. A moral life or lodge membership or good citizenship, these must all fail to bring salvation, for it is "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." (Titus 3:5). Don't depend then on what you do, but on what Jesus did and promises to do for you.

WHAT ABOUT REPENTANCE?

Does not the Bible say that we must repent? Yes, the Bible plainly says that "God . . . commandeth all men every where to repent." (Act 17:30), and again "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). This was the preaching of John the Baptist, of Jesus, of Peter and of Paul; that men should repent, and certainly repentance is God's plan of salvation. The trouble here, however, is that men misunderstand what repentance means, and there has grown up an idea that repentance means a period of weeping and mourning over sin, or sorrow for sins. This idea comes from the Roman Catholic translation of the Bible which instead of "repent" says "do penance." So the place of inquiry, where people should be taught the plan of salvation from the Bible, in revival meetings, became "the mourner's bench" and thousands of people have been taught that God would not hear their prayer nor forgive their sins until they went through a process of sorrow and mourning over their sins!

Do not misunderstand me. God is anxious for you to have a penitent, broken heart over your sins. You have gone away from God. You have trampled under foot the blood of Jesus Christ, wasted years of your life which you can never live over again. You have served your father, the devil. There is plenty for you to weep over and I am not surprised if you feel deep shame and sorrow in your heart that you have so mistreated the God who made you and the Saviour who died for you. I am not surprised if you cannot keep back the tears! But what I want you to know is that tears or no tears, however much sorrow you may have in your heart, or not have, those things do not save you. The Lord has no command about tears or sorrow. You are saved instantly when you turn from your sins to trust God. That is repentance.

No, repentance does not mean sorrow. The word repentance, translated literally, means "change of mind." To repent means turn from sin to trust in Christ. You can see then, how the man who believes in Christ repents, or the man who repents, believes in Christ. This jailer then, repented, when he trusted in Christ and was saved.

INSTANT SALVATION!

The jailer did not go through a period of mourning, he was told to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, he did just that and was saved, and his whole family was saved the same way, immediately, the same hour of the night! Everywhere you look through the New Testament you find that people were saved all at once without any process, without any period of mourning. Zacchaeus, up a tree, trusted Jesus and made haste and came down and received Him joyfully. (Luke 19:6-9). Jesus said, "This day is salvation come to this house." When Peter told Cornelius and his assembled household that they could be saved by believing, immediately "while Peter yet spake these words," the Scripture says, the Holy Spirit came on them and they were happily saved. (Acts 10:43-48).

The thief on the cross, wicked sinner that he was, who a few minutes before had been railing at Jesus, was saved immediately when he inquired of Jesus. (Luke 23:42, 43). In the first chapter of John, verses 35-49 we see where Andrew, Simon Peter, Phillip and Nathanael were all converted, one by one, immediately, by faith in Christ. There is no record of any person in Bible times who was ever told to wait, or mourn, or weep over his sins, before trusting Jesus and being saved! One who believes in Christ, has repented. Repentance and faith are the same thing put in different words, and neither requires a long period of time, nor a process of mourning and sorrow.

CAN ONE BE SAVED WITHOUT PRAYER?

In the Bible there are many cases of sinners who prayed like the thief on the cross or the publican in the temple. In fact, Romans 10:13 says:

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Many people believe that a sinner cannot be saved without a period of prayer, without consciously calling on God. However, the Bible does not say that a sinner must pray in order to be saved. In fact, immediately following the verse in Romans 10:13 is an explanation which shows that calling on God is an evidence of faith in the heart and that it is really faith which settles the matter. Read it again.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?" Romans 10:13-14.

A sinner may consciously pray to God or may not. The Lord encourages the sinner to pray, and the Lord hears and answers the sinner's prayer, if that sinner trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation when he prays. He heard the prayer of the thief on the cross, of the publican in the temple, of blind Bartimaeus. But the scripture says, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed"? Certainly every one who is to be saved must believe. Prayer is evidence of faith. No matter how long one prays, if he does not trust in Christ, he can never be saved. If he trusts in Christ without conscious prayer, then he is saved already. There is just one plan of salvation and just one step a sinner must take to secure it. That step is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ!

Some way we preachers have left the impression on this poor world of sinners that God is hard hearted and that it takes many tears and loud cries and long periods of sorrow before He will hear and save the sinner. We have left the impression that God does not care whether sinners are saved or not, and that sinners must somehow touch the heart of God and get Him ready to forgive. What a slander on a good and holy God who "so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Man's sins are already paid for, God's wrath is already turned away from any sinner who wants to be saved, both the Father and the Son are a million times more anxious to save every sinner than the sinner can be to get saved! Thank God, I do not have to beg God to forgive my sins. He will do it the minute I am willing to trust it with Him.

HOW TO GET THE CHANGE OF HEART.

This simple way of being saved by faith seems so easy, and it is. Some sinner may say, "But I thought one must have a change of heart." So you must, dear sinner, but that is God's part. Jesus was talking to Nicodemus when He said, "Ye must be born again." And in the same chapter He tells Nicodemus how to get the new birth, in John 3:16.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The change in your heart, sinner, is God's part and you may be sure He will attend to that. Your part is to simply believe in Him. Whatever else is necessary in your eternal salvation, the Lord attends to when you trust in Him, or believe in Him.

HOW SHOULD I FEEL?

Some people have an idea that the change of heart is a matter of feeling. Some do not want to claim Christ as Saviour until they have the mysterious feeling that they want. Do not let the devil deceive you here. I believe in heart-felt religion, and thank God for the joy which He gives to me day by day. But the Bible nowhere tells how one must feel before He is saved, nor does it anywhere say how you will feel after you are saved. In fact, (Continue from last week)

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for grown people is good for active growing children. In fact growing children usually have better digestion than busy men and women. Children are not bothered with high blood pressure, with acid stomach, with the lack of exercise, etc. as much as grown people. Then why deny children the use of tobacco? The answer is, for the simple reason that tobacco is a drug, a narcotic, a poison. It is injurious to the human body, and at first tobacco usually makes the user violently ill. Only after the body accustoms itself to the poison does the use of tobacco become a pleasure. Actually everybody knows that tobacco is harmful.

The man then who uses tobacco himself and forbids it to his children is a hypocrite. His advice is drowned out by his example. "What you DO sounds so loud, I can't hear what you SAY." Christian men who smoke can soon decide whether it is right, if they will honestly agree that the Bible demands the same standard of morals for men, women and children alike.

Would Jesus Smoke Cigarettes? The Bible exhorts all of us Christians to follow Jesus. I Peter 2:21 and 22 tells us plainly that Christ is our example and we should follow in His steps.

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: 22. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth."

It ought to be easy then for a Christian to find out whether it is right to smoke. Simply decide if Jesus would do it and then if He would you have a perfect right to do the same. If Jesus would not, then of course you and I, who are commanded to follow Him, ought not to.

Somebody may say, "Well Brother Rice, you are too much like the Holyrollers." No, I am simply trying to do what Jesus would do. I fail many times, I follow a long way behind sometimes, but I honestly want to follow in His steps. I will not consent to a habit that I know dishonors Him. If Jesus Himself would not smoke, were He here today, then no amount of argument can make it right for a Christian.

Those cigarette stubs on the church steps are an indication they show why the Christian often has no power with God. They show why sinners often are not influenced by the words and lives of Christians.

Ask God To Help You Quit Smoking

Many Christians are really ashamed of the tobacco habit but find it difficult to quit. If that is your case, then I urge you to call on God to help you. That which defiles the temple of the Holy Spirit and grieves Him, that which is not truly following Christ, that which sets a bad example before boys and girls and invites the scorn of the ungodly ought to be abandoned. Surely God will help you if you ask Him. If you want to quit the use of tobacco or any other bad habit I suggest the following rules.

1. Admit to yourself and to God you have been committing a sin that grieves God and discredits your profession as a Christian. It is a sin. Confess it with honest shame. You will not quit it unless you admit it is wrong.

2. Stop it all at once. Do not try to quit tobacco a little at a time. That is the snare of the Devil who knows you will not succeed. That is like cutting off a dog's tail an inch at a time so it won't hurt. I have never known that method to succeed in quitting tobacco. If you quit the use of tobacco, or whiskey, or lying, or stealing, or any other sin, then quit it at once. Never touch it again. To trifle here means defeat.

3. Call earnestly on God to help and trust Him for strength. Human strength sometimes is not enough to defeat Satan. Beg God to help you and depend on Him for strength. Remember that the scripture promises a way of escape from sin for those who call on God. The Bible says, "God who is faithful will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."—I Corinthians 10:13. If you depend on your own strength you will likely fail. But God is perfectly willing to help you if you humbly and honestly call on Him.

4. When you have quit, then never touch it again. Many times when a Christian wins a great victory over tobacco or whiskey or over bad company, then he

feels so strong and self-reliant that he thinks he will never be tempted again. One man a few months ago who prayed to God humbly on his knees about his tobacco habit and God took the taste out of his mouth until he didn't want it. Later on he tasted tobacco again a time or two. First he was amazed when he found it was distasteful and he did not care for it. But soon the old craving came back again when he joined others in a friendly smoke. Now he is a slave to the tobacco habit. Ashamed to smoke, he chews, and feels that the shameful habit is now beyond his control. He sinned against God in flirting with the old sin over which God had once given him the victory.

When you quit tobacco then quit it as a sinful habit that dishonors God, grieves the Holy Spirit, and is contrary to the example of Christ. Quit it for good and quit it instantly, begging God to help you. Then you can have victory over this habit. It may be a long fight, day after day, but every day God will make a way of escape and will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able to bear.

"Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you"—James 4:7-8.

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY MORNING

Come praying about our special offering, have part if you can, but especially pray for the power and presence of the Lord.

LOT PAYMENT DUE MONDAY

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who has helped us thus far will not forsake us.

The money question and the way it is handled in our church is a matter of great rejoicing. No pressure is brought on any one. No member of the church or friend is ever asked to sign a pledge card, never asked for any particular amount. We have no budget. We have no committee to canvas for funds. When a public offering is taken there is no pressure, no embarrassment. We publish no lists of givers and (Continued on page 4)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

people do not feel the same. Feeling varies with the circumstances or with the temperament of the person saved. Some cry when they are saved, some laugh, and a few shout aloud the praises of God. One is no more saved than the other. What you want, dear sinner, is salvation, and you should be satisfied to feel anyway that will please the Lord, just so He forgives your sins.

Be sure you notice another fact, too, and that is that you cannot feel right until you get right. Rejoicing does not come before you trust the Lord. One does not feel the result of medicine before he takes it. The children of Israel, in the wilderness, bitten by fiery serpents and at the point of death were not healed, and did not feel healed until they looked to the brass serpent on the pole. (Numbers 21:6-9). People are not saved by feeling, they are saved by trusting in Christ.

The prodigal son, away from home in the hog pen, decided to arise and go to his father, but he did not feel good. He was without shoes, clothed in rags, without the ring of sonship, without any evidence of his father's forgiveness, perishing with hunger! Yet he arose and came to his father, not by feeling, but by faith in his father. Thank God, his father received him, like God receives every sinner who will come, and when the prodigal boy has sat down at his Father's table, with shoes of the gospel of peace, clothed in the garments of the righteousness of Christ, with the ring of sonship on his finger, eating the fatted calf at

the right hand of the Father, happy in His love, then he has plenty of feeling. Feeling comes after salvation. Leave the feeling with the Lord and come to the Saviour by faith today.

After you are saved you will get peace and joy out of following the Lord in baptism, reading His Word, winning souls and otherwise pleasing Him. You need to go to the Lord again and again day by day for the joy of a Christian life. But thank God that salvation is settled once and for all when you simply depend upon Christ as your own Saviour.

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Dear Brother Rice:
Realizing that I am a sinner, and believing that Christ died for my sins, I here and now trust Him to be my personal Saviour, depending on Him to forgive all my sins, change my heart, and give me everlasting life as He promised to do. I am ever glad to confess Him as my Saviour and gladly mail this to let you know.

SIGNED

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LOT PAYMENT

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non-givers. While we believe that all Christians ought to give not less than the tithe and free will offerings besides, according to the Bible, yet we believe each Christian must give of his own free will and to please God, not man. On that happy basis the prosperous and poverty-stricken may worship God together, the poor without embarrassment from his poverty, the more prosperous without undue praise for his larger giving. Men are to please God, not men and their giving in this church must be as God puts it in their hearts to give. For that reason I believe that every member of the church is thoroughly happy over our way of following the simple Bible plan with no pledges, no sales, no canvassing committee, no budget and no wrangling over finances.

Many Gifts Will Make \$323.00

Next Sunday we will have the last service possible before payment is due on the lot. Monday morning we hope to be able to mail a check for the entire \$631.25. I believe, by the mercy of God, the love offerings of God's people will enable us to do it. It will take many offerings

to amount to this much. Most of our people cannot give as large amounts as they would like. I believe that if each one will be prayerful God will open the way for every single individual to have a part in this offering. I would give some part, according to what God has put in my hands even though it were one dollar or even less, and I would give it cheerfully in Jesus's name. Remember that whatever you give on the lot payment it goes to this cause alone, without a penny being used for other purposes. Remember that it is to be given from your heart and to please Jesus Christ. Remember that the Lord Jesus promised, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom"—Luke 6:38. He has promised that He would repay, that according as you give so He will see that you receive.

This plain, simple, great brick tabernacle belongs to God. If He wants a building here, then we want it. If He doesn't want it, then neither do we. But already He has blessed us so much and led so plainly that I have confidence He who has begun a good work here will complete it. We belong to Christ. We believe all of His word. We are trying to follow His commands. Here is a simple big place where sinners by the hundreds hear the gospel and thousands of Christians are blessed. I believe He will put it in the hearts of His people and will provide the means for them to give so that next week we can announce that a check has been sent, paying in full to date. Let Christians pray to know the will of God, ask Him for means for which to give and for a heart that will give what He provides. Pray that God will be glorified in this matter and we will all rejoice together in victory.

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reaves the mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, blights parental love, brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength, sickness, not health, death, not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, invites cholera, imports pestilence, and embraces consumption covers the land with idleness, misery, and crime. It fills the jails, supplies almshouses, and demands asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels, cherishes riots. It crowds penitentiaries and furnishes victims for scaffolds. It is the lifeblood of gamblers, the element of the burglar, the prop of the highwaymen, the support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief, esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligations, reverences fraud, and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue, and slanders innocence. It has been known to incite the father to butcher his helpless offspring, and to help the husband to murder his wife. It burns up men, consumes women, curses God, and despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defiles the jury box, and stains the judicial ermine. It degrades the citizen, debases the legislature, dishonors the statesman, and disarms the patriot. It brings shame, not honor, terror, not safety, despair, not hope, misery, not happiness, and with the malevolence of a fiend, it calmly surveys its frightful desolation and unsatiated havoc. It poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins

morals, blights confidence, slays reputation, and wipes out national honor. It curses the world and laughs at the ruin. It does that and more. It murders the soul. It is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crime, the mother of all abominations. It is the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy."

**FRIENDS CAN HELP
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THE LORD**

I hope that earnest Christians will pray for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. The interest which it is arousing throughout Oak Cliff, through the thousands of copies distributed weekly, and elsewhere through some 400 copies distributed by mail, is refreshing to the heart of the editor. The preparation, printing and distribution of this paper is a work of love and of faith. Naturally the paper does not pay its way. Never once since the paper was started has the advertising and subscriptions been sufficient to pay the printing itself, not counting the postage, hiring boys to carry the paper, stenographic help, or my own labor. Out of my own pocket from the free will offerings people bring me, I have paid every week the deficit in the printing cost and have sent the paper on its mission of love, a mission of Bible teaching and preaching, exposing error and urging sinners to be saved. If you wish to have a part in this good work, your help will be welcomed and the Lord will repay, I am sure.

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Workers carry them from house to house and place them inside the screen door, and a few minutes later coming down the same

street, one will find that already most of the papers have been taken inside to be read. Many times someone will stop a worker and ask for a paper. They inquire at the printing office and phone to know when the paper will be off the press. Encourage people to advertise in this paper. It is a good advertising medium, and space is sold very reasonably. Advertisements will help make the paper possible. Then patronize these advertisers and let them know that you saw their ads.

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It takes a good many workers to get out 9,000 copies of this paper from house to house. Your help here would be very valuable. Men, women and children are used, who will donate their time, and often we have had to pay additional workers. God will repay you, and I am sure you will feel a joy of having done great good, if you will help distribute our paper. Phone 6-6888 for further instructions.

Some may feel led to help me pay the printing bill. If so, I am sure God will repay you. I know of no way where some of the Lord's money could be spent to better advantage than in helping to spread the gospel through this paper and get people to the public services. The gospel sermon on "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" an installment of which is printed in this issue, ought to win a number of souls to Christ. Already hundreds have been saved through the same message in booklet form.

Besides the help mentioned above which we hope many will give, helping to get advertisements, helping to distribute the paper, and supporting it with offerings, every Christian who is interested can earnestly pray. Pray that God will give vision and wisdom to me as I write for the paper. Pray that the Lord will supply the means to keep printing it. Pray that God will give people open hearts to believe what they read, as it is proven by the Word of God.



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